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Alpha Chi Sigma Installs Officers

Alpha Chi Sigma formally installed its newly elected officers at a special meeting Tuesday night in the new Chemistry building. Those who were installed are: Ray Carmack, Master Alchemist; Oscar Muskopf, Vice-Master Alchemist; Warren Kadera, Recorder; Harold Flood, Reporter; James Johnson, Treasurer; Art Rose, Master of Ceremonies; and Bill Webb, Alumni Secretary.

The chemical fraternity set fourth new plans for a safety program which will be carried on in the chemical laboratories. The safety drive will feature a series of posters and safety cartoons which will be displayed at prominent points throughout the chemistry buildings. The meeting also made tentative plans to sponsor safety talks in the laboratories occupied by the lower classes. Upper classmen will deliver these speeches on safety practices in connection with laboratory technique.

Other business of the meeting included plans for a spring outing to be held in April. The club room of the fraternity has been supplied with safety books and pamphlets. Art Rose passed out cigars in celebration of his engagement.

Alcoa, GE, Shell, Phillips Next to Interview

The date of the interviews with the representative of the General Electric Company has been postponed from February 2 to February 10 and 11. The interviews with the research department of Phillips Petroleum and with Mr. Roark of the Shell Oil Co. have also been postponed until a later date.

The Aluminum Co. of America will be here on February 12th to interview metallurgicals and electricals. Tennessee Coal and Iron Co. of Birmingham, Ala. will be here on February 23 and 24. Carnegie-Illinois, who will be here on March 5th and 6th, have requested interviews with 75 graduates, and Bethlehem Steel, coming to Rolla on March 30, have signified that they wish to obtain applications from 50 Miners. Pratt-Whitney Aviation Co., and Caterpillar Tractor have also applied for interview dates.

Ex Miner Editor Marries Miss Jimmie Perry

Fred W. Finley, last year's editor of the Miner, was married last Tuesday night to Miss Jimmie Perry of Lamar, Missouri. Fred and his bride will live in Fort Smith, Arkansas where they are both employed by Frank Horton and Co., Consulting Engineers.

St. Pat's Board Is Receiving Cloak Room Bids

Bids for the privilege of operating the cloak room during the St. Pats celebration are now in order, it was announced at the last meeting of the St. Pats Board held Thursday night.

These bids are to include both a two and a three night proposition. For information regarding these bids see either Art Rose or Jack Zoller. The bids should be turned in to Jack Zoller sometime within the next week.

The St. Pats Board also discussed possible bands for the celebration, the budget, and the St. Pats Queen, as well as receiving nominations for St. Patrick himself at this meeting.

AISC Engineer Addresses ASCE

L. H. Dodd, district engineer of the American Institute of Steel Construction, addressed the members of A. S. C. E. Tuesday evening at Harris Hall on the subject, "Structural Steel Building Design."

Mr. Dodd is a graduate of Kansas University and spent seven years as a consulting engineer before assuming the position he now holds. For 14 years Mr. Dodd has been with A. I. S. C.

A comparison of welded and riveted joints was one of the main discussions. Mr. Dodd stated, "There is a balance between the two practices, economy, however sells welding." Slides illustrating the uses of both were shown. In riveted joint work, less time is spent in construction operations.

Dodd pointed out that welds may be divided into two types namely the filled and the butt. Butt welds can again be subdivided into open square, single vee, double vee, and the u-joint. The penetration weld was the only type of fillet weld mentioned.

Element No. 61 Has Been Synthesized

BERKELEY, Calif. — (ACP) — An unstable form of element No. 61, only missing item in the list of known chemicals of the material universe, has been produced in the University of California cyclotron and by experimenters at Ohio State university.

Announcement of the experiment here said a radioactive form of No. 61 was produced by bombarding some rare earths with atomic bullets. The raw materials used were sent to Berkeley more than a year ago from Italy by Dr. Luigi Rolla, Italian chemist.

The work was done by Dr. Emilio Segre, one of the discoverers of elements No. 43 and 85, and Dr. Chien Shiung-wu, a young Chinese woman researcher in nuclear physics.

Schedule Changes Must Be Made Before February 4

A ruling, adopted by the Board of Curators of Missouri University and applied for sometime at Columbia, will also be enforced at Missouri School of Mines beginning this semester. The ruling is this: Unless a student's schedule is changed within 10 days of the opening of the term there will be a charge of \$1.00 applied for any such changes made.

Since the present semester commenced on January 26, this means that all schedule adjustments will have to be completed on or before February 4th.

Prof. M. D. Orten Called To Service

Maurice D. Orten, former professor of Economics here at M. S. M., has been called to active duty with the United States Army. Prof. Orten has the rank of Major which he held in the Organized Officers Reserve.

Major Orten had been Professor of Economics here since 1925. He is a graduate of Drury College at Springfield, Kentucky. He received his Masters' Degree from Washington University in 1923.

He has been given a leave of absence for the duration of the war by the Board of Curators. His position is being filled by Prof. Lloyd.

Major Orten was assigned to the General Intermediate Depot, Transportation Department of the Quartermaster Division at San Francisco.

Major Orten's ready wit and straightforward manner has made him a favorite among his students during his teaching here.

Cornell Attempting To Quell War Uneasiness

ITHACA, N. Y. — (ACP) — Cornell university has launched a program to quell war restlessness among its students.

The plan proposes student guidance and counselling, with emphasis on health and recreation.

"College authorities have been concerned," a statement said, "with the disrupting effects of the world situation, not only on enrollments but also on the morale of students pursuing their normal courses."

"The signs of restlessness and uncertainty, as well as the loss of interest of some students in maintaining high academic performance, made their appearance last year."

A counselor of men has been appointed to direct a clearing house for their problems.

Total Of \$1690 Awarded MSM Students Yesterday

Whole Amount Was Given By James Estate

Prizes for essays on the history of the Meramec Iron Works and of the James family which operated it were awarded to six School of Mines students at an assembly in Parker Hall yesterday. Five \$200 scholarships were also presented. Both groups of awards were provided by representatives of the James estate.

Dr. C. V. Mann read the prize winning essay and then Dr. Curtis L. Wilson, dean of MSM, presented first prize of \$300 to Robert C. Van Nostrand. Those winning the other prizes and the amounts of the awards were:

Fred J. Radavich, \$200; Charles S. Kaplan, \$100; Herbert S. Kalish, \$50; Florence Marie Davis, \$25; John W. Rayl, \$15.

Kaplan's prize could not be presented to him, for, since writing his essay, he has entered the armed services and is no longer in school. His check will be sent to him.

Most Of Miners Finger-Printed Last Monday

Miners evidently don't plan to go into crime. This was proven by the overwhelming majority of students who voluntarily had their finger prints made, last Monday.

Sergeant McCann of the Highway Patrol supervised the finger printing for A P O, and two sets of prints of each person were made. One set of prints went to the Highway Patrol and the other to the F. B. I. Each of the agencies furnished their own cards for the prints, and in addition the state gave an identification card to every person fingerprinted.

The cards used are of a different type from the ones used to identify criminals. This should cheer a group of Miners who were worrying about what would become of their contribution to the cause. Perhaps this information will also clear up a few points for the Professors; not one of them had their prints made even if Dean Wilson did set a good example.

Liberal Arts Going Out

LEXINGTON, Ky. — (ACP) — Half the liberal arts colleges in the United States will be out of existence in 10 years, predicts Dr. Raymond F. McLain, president of Transylvania college.

Increased taxes and the diminished rate of return from investments will bring about the change, he says.

ing his essay, he has entered the armed services and is no longer in school. His check will be sent to him.

Preceding the presentation of the scholarships, talks were given by Dean Wilson and by Dr. Mann. The Dean explained how the five students were selected from a list of about sixty which were recommended by the faculty. He also said that, of all his tasks, this "recognition of merit," was one of the most pleasant.

The previous custom was to give four of these scholarships but this year the number was raised to five. The total value of the scholarships is one thousand dollars, giving each of the five a value of two hundred.

These awards started in a rather interesting manner.

It seems that Mr. James was accused of being against the School of Mines, which he definitely was not. As evidence of this he started the practice of furnishing, each year, the finances of four students. This practice has been continued by the trustees of the estate.

The faculty committee for the selection consisted of Dean Wilson, Noel Hubbard, Dr. Mann, and Dr. Milenburgh.

At the close of the assembly, Wib Lawler, president of Blue Key service fraternity, presented Blue Key awards to those men who as freshmen last year, not only excelled in scholarship but had taken on extra-curricular activities.

Blue Key winners were: James R. Miller; Richard Shelby Mateer; Vernon John Pingel; Robert Palmer McMath; Ralph Walter Ruwwe; Albert Sidney Keevil; Wilbert Frederick Wegener; James Richard Jambor; Warren Wade Helberg; Wm. Alonzo Hubbard; Clarence Johnson Wright; William Henry Bassett; Thomas L. Brannick; Arthur Joe Bush; John Allen Cooper; Robert Otto Dietz; James Donald Dowd; Charles Alfred Dick; William George Eagle; Elbridge Alva Gooch; Edwin Charles Goetemann; Jerry Kendall; Samuel Hutchinson Lyle.

Norman Tucker Receives Flyer's Commission

Norman P. Tucker, son of Mrs. Julia Tucker, 1206 Elm St., Rolla, Missouri, recently received a diploma qualifying him for service as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Army Air Corps reserve. He was trained as a squadron engineering officer.

Tucker, a graduate of the Missouri School of Mines, holds a bachelor of science degree in Mining Engineering.

This Issue Is 27th Anniversary Of The Miner; First One Was A 6x8 Sheet

BY ROBERT P. BALIN

The period 1914-15 was one of great happenings. The shot at Sarajevo started the World War; the Germans sank the Lusitania. At the School of Mines, that was the school year in which Norwood Hall saw completion, and the Miner's mighty steam-roller football team rang up a grand total score of 569 to 0 for the season. But not the least important of the year's events was the founding of the MISSOURI MINER.

The MINER of 1915 was started by an enterprising junior named Fred Grotts, a General Science student and the president of his class. The paper took its name from a little sheet published occasionally by A. W. Gleason during the years 1912 and 1913.

Grotts and others of his day saw a real need for a school paper. The School of Mines had at this time an enrollment of 265 students and it was growing. Why then, shouldn't the largest mining school in the country have a school paper, he argued. With the permission of the faculty secured and an able staff assembled, Fred could see the way clear for the successful operation of a paper. From the very start the town-folk bought advertising space and heartily supported the paper; the students, almost to a man, bought subscriptions at a dollar a year.

The first issue rolled off the presses on January 29, 1915. It was a four-page affair printed on glossy, white, 6x8 paper. Its front page carried a photograph of the new director, Durwood Copeland, followed by an article telling of his experiences in the field of metallurgy. Inside there was news of student activities, announcements, and a statement of the new paper's policy. Significant among the articles in that first issue, 27 years ago, was one written by the English Department's Dr. J. W. Barley, in which he cited the advantage and purposes of a school paper, confirmed its need here, and wished the MINER staff success in their venture.

Thus did the present and only continuous publication at the School get its start. However, as early as the 1880's, students of the School of Mines composed a student paper which they called "The Notebook." A complete

volume of this publication, bound in a book and printed on satin sheets, was exhibited as a special feature of the M. S. M. Alumni Reunion of 1932.

Somewhat later, students at the School contributed items to "The Argus," the student paper of the University of Missouri located at Columbia. This arrangement did not last very long. Perhaps the best record of affairs at the School of Mines was contained in the "Local" and the "School of Mines" feature columns of the "Rolla Herald" and the "Rolla New Era" up to the year 1914 when the present MISSOURI MINER came upon the scene. In May of the year 1912, the paper that was perhaps the immediate forerunner of the first MINER was issued under the name of the "Commencement News," by a staff composed of A. W. Gleason, Editor, and R. G. Knickerbocker, Managing Editor. Following this initial and final edition of the "Commencement News" there was published, the following fall, two issues of the original MINER by the same editorial staff. From then till the early part of 1915 there is no record of there having been any school paper.

In 1915, as we have already mentioned, the present MINER got its start. The first publication staff consisted of J. L. Head, (now a prominent Alumnus, with the Chile Copper Company, of New York), who was Editor; Fred Grotts, General Manager; and G. E. Johnson, Business Manager. The four-page paper they published came out every week. In a few months the size of the paper was enlarged and consisted of eight pages. The March 17, 1915 issue was printed in green ink in honor of the St. Pat's celebration. This was probably where the term for the present day "green sheet" originated. The paper took on its present size in 1934. Throughout its 27 years of existence the publication has upheld high standards and has brought to the school body the latest and best in news and nonsense. Typical of its fervid school spirit, it has never ceased to scold the administration at Columbia for its overt acts against the School of Mines.

The first joke appeared in the issue of February 19, 1915, and is here presented in its original

Blackberry Patch in New Location Tomorrow

The Blackberry Patch, restaurant formerly located on Highway 66, will open tomorrow in its new location at 105 West Sixth Street.

form.

Thorny: What is an imaginary number?

Tommy: Well, it's a number you see and you don't see!

The first good joke appeared a few months later and we quote: "Two students who had just completed an examination were standing in the hall discussing their results for a particular problem. Said the first, '... and how far were you from the right answer?' The other replied without hesitation, 'Two seats.'"

Modern MINER Jokes

1. "Why, man, I'm the Tac of Tacoma."

2. "Say, I'm the San of San Francisco."

3. "Where are you from?"

4. "Astoria."

My girl wears a toupee. A toupee is a wig. Whig is the name of a political party. Politics is dirty business. You ought to know my girl.

Dude: They tell me that when I'm in a saddle, I'm a part of the horse.

Cowgirl: Yes, but they didn't tell you which part.

Reformers condemn the modern flapper for her wild living and her daring dress, but beneath it all she's just like the old-fashioned girl.

My girl is a good sport. A good sport is an athlete. An athlete plays in a game. I'm game, but you ought to try my girl.

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I am happy to comply with Mr. Robert Balin's request for a word of greeting to the students of the School of Mines and Metallurgy on the occasion of the Twenty-Seventh Anniversary of the "Missouri Miner". We all realize that these trying and uncertain days for each one of you. On the other hand, we are passing through a period in our Nation's history which demands of each one of us the best we can give, whatever his field of service may be. If you are permitted to remain in school for continued training, you must remember that working doubly hard in securing the greatest good out of your work is not only a patriotic duty, but also a patriotic service. Your country needs the best equipped man-power it is possible to secure.

To the "Missouri Miner" and its staff, I wish to extend best wishes and congratulations on your Twenty-Seventh Anniversary. The obligations imposed upon the staff of a student paper are not to be taken lightly, as I am sure you all recognize. You can be a force of great constructive good on the campus, to the students, faculty, and administrative officers. I trust that throughout your future years of service you will always hold to the highest ideals of good journalism, and that the rewards for your service on the "Missouri Miner" may be very rich indeed.

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Since coming to the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy last August, I have read with considerable interest and profit the regular editions of the Missouri Miner. The paper impressed me from the start as one of high quality. It helped me to become better acquainted with the many activities around the campus and it has likewise helped me to become better acquainted with many of the students themselves. I have also noted with satisfaction that the Miner is an influential source of inspiration for guiding the policies of the School. The power of the press is recognized throughout the civilized world. When the press fails to inform the people of existing conditions, as was the case in France, nations fall. This same power, naturally in a more limited sphere, can be exerted by our School paper. The student body is entitled to be informed honestly and promptly of existing conditions.

I pledge my cooperation to the staff of the Miner upon this occasion of its 27th anniversary. I extend likewise my sincere best wishes for continued service.

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INTRAMURAL Sports

By C. K. Mitchell

Basketball has gotten under way once again and nine more games have been played since Jan. 27th.

Boxing and wrestling is rapidly getting under way. The competitors in these two "heman" sports are in training and will be ready for the galant show which will take place early next month. This affair is considered one of the biggest events on the spring cal-

endar here at MSM.

Handball singles are also ready to commence.

Getting back to the basketball classics, we find this week's affairs ended in the following manner.

January 27, Soph 18; KA 17.
Lambda Chi, 9; Triangle, 29.
Kappa Sig, 17; ALT, 15.

January 28:
Juniors, 14; Sigma Pi, 17.
Pika, 17; Theta Kaps, 28.
Sigma Nu, 18; Frosh, 19.

January 29:
Senior, 40; Sophs, 31.
Alt, 23, Triangle, 15.
Sigma Pi, 17; Lambda Chi, 13.

In Tuesday's clashes Kallmeyer was the star of the Soph squad when he sank a foul shot with three seconds remaining, to break a 17-17 tie. The Lambda Chi-Triangle affair was a one-sided tilt. The Alt's lost a tough game to the leading Kappa Sigs, 17-15. If the men from Alt had made some of their many free shots they would have whipped the rough playing K. Sigs. As it was, they played the best game that any team has played against the league leaders.

Wednesday's battles featured a one-sided affair between the Juniors and Sigma Pi, despite the 17-14 score. The Juniors were shooting all over the place, but they didn't do much scoring.

Boetjer was in there pacing Sigma Nu despite their losses to the up and coming Frosh 19-13. This was an overtime game and the finish was really interesting and exciting.

The Pika-Theta Kap battle wasn't much. "Bud" Haas and Hazelette led the Theta Kaps.

Schmitt piled up 15 points, despite the fact that he saw little action in the second half of the Seniors' victory over the Sophs. Dick Cunningham, athlete and one time football captain, was missed in this battle, for he graduated in January. Dick will be sorely missed in all sports, not only intramural but varsity as well.

Gillis showed great floorwork in Alt's victory over Triangle. Otherwise this wasn't much of a game, for Triangle was again off.

The Sigma Pi-Lambda Chi game was a fine affair. Sigma Pi had a fine freshman, Shipman in there pitching baskets for them.

The great game between the two leaders, namely, the Seniors and Kappa Sig is scheduled as a preliminary to the Varsity tilt between the Miners and Kirksville. This game will be the deciding game, and both teams have been definitely on the downgrade lately, or else competition is becoming stiffer in the conference of MSM. This game may be the best game to be seen on the Miner floor this season including the Varsity tilts. I give the nod to the Kapa Sigs, due to their reserve power and the absence of Dick Cunningham from the Seniors squad.

Bears Invade Miner Game Tonig Led By Schwenk And Darnton

Coach Gill's quintet will play its second game in as many nights this evening when they are host to the Washington University Bears. In their previous game at Washington the Bears soundly trounced the hapless Miners. The Bears have one of the best teams ever produced at the Hilltop. Although their record is not too impressive, they are playing one of the toughest schedules ever attempted by a Hilltop team. Under the able direction of Bob Kinnaman, recently appointed Director of Athletics, the Bears met such teams as Iowa, Loyola, Notre Dame, and Texas A & M with no little success.

The Bears' attack this season has been built around Forward Jack Darnton. Darnton, a six-foot-four junior, is at present leading the Missouri Valley Conference in scoring. Marvin McConnell will be at the other forward for the Bears. Charley Heiser will handle the pivot position. At the guards will be Captain Bud Schwenk and Harold Globig.

Tuesday night the Miners play their return engagement with Mal Eiken's Kirksville Bulldogs. In their last Kirksville game the

Miners played their best game of the season. They led the Bulldogs at the half, but slipped behind in the second period to lose by a narrow margin.

The veteran Bulldog quintet is led by All Conference forward last season and is fighting it out with Cape's Mulkey for scoring honors this season.

The Bulldogs are in third place in the MIAA at present as a result of their two and two record.

Coach Gill intends to continue the basketball tactics employed against Cape. All offense and no defense is the scheme, in an attempt to score over thirty points, which as yet hasn't been accomplished this season. Gill intends to start Main at center, Blair and Nevin at forwards, with Cook and Moore at the guards against the Bears.



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The differences in products

made by the dry-press, stiff-mud and hand-molding process can be observed through hand lenses. A variety of attractive photographs clearly illustrate mining of the clay and various steps in manufacture of clay products. Specialty products, such as cements, plastic ramming mixes, and costables are also portrayed. The whole display is housed

in the large, black-felt-lined cabinet, approximately nine by six feet, and at the top is a full color photograph of one of the company's clay pit strip mines.

This display gives visitors to the school a comprehensive picture of the large number of products made by modern fireclay refractory manufacturers.

Off the Campus

Lambda Chi Alpha

The Alpha-delta Zeta of Lambda Chi Alpha is happy to announce the pledging of Allen D. Beverage and William H. Green, both sophomores. Allan is from Belleville, Illinois, and graduated from high school there. He is taking Metallurgy here at M. S. M. Bill's home town is Louisiana, Missouri, and he is taking Mechanical Engineering.

Kappa Alpha

Beta Alpha of Kappa Alpha celebrated General Robert E. Lee's birthday by attending the Episcopal Church in a body on Jan. 18. After which they were hosts to several distinguished alumni and their wives at a chapter banquet. Among the guests present were Capt. and Mrs. C. L. Sadler, Mr. and Mrs. Rowe McCrae, Miss Wanda Lee Remmert, Miss Mary Anderson, and Col. and Mrs. Charles L. Woods. Col. Woods was the guest speaker and addressed the gathering on the life and ideals of Robert E. Lee.

We of Kappa Alpha take pleasure in announcing the recent pledging of Richard Ollis, sophomore E. E.

Definition of a lover of music:

A lover of music is one who, upon hearing a soprano voice in the bathroom, puts his ear to the keyhole.

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Jerry: "Do you object?"

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Feb. 27—St. Pat's Board
Feb. 28—Theta Kappa Phi
March 19-21—St. Pat's
April 4—Pi Delta Chi
April 11—St. Pat's Board
April 18—Pi Kappa Alpha
April 23—Alpha Lambda Tau
April 24—Kappa Alpha
May 1—Sigma Nu
May 2—Theta Tau
May 8—Kappa Sigma
May 9—Triangle
May 15—Sigma Pi

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